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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(Case No. 00,450-A)

PATENT

In re Application of: Polverino et al. )

Serial No.: 09/724,000 )

Before the Examiner: S. Rawlings )

Filed: November 28, 2000 )

Group Art Unit: 1642 )

For: Secreted Epithelial Colon Stromal-1 )  
Molecules and Uses Thereof )Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Official Action mailed January 4, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Dated: January 16, 2002By: 

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